the places visited by him. As regards the purpose of the visit, please see answer (a).

223. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to consider the question of appointing the permanent Chief Engineer as the permanent Special Officer ex-officio when Mr. P. Damodara Menon reverts to his permanent appointment, regard being had to the former's knowledge of engineering and other works, considerably supplemented even by his recent visit to the Continent?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Government do not think it necessary to consider the question now. Mr. Damodara Menon's term has already been extended for a further period of six months.

Extension of service of Mr. P. Damodara Menon.

224. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Mr. Damodara Menon was ordered to be retired in 1103 in the printed proceedings issued in 1102; if so, what were the special reasons for giving him extension;

(b) were there not officers in service to fill up Devaswam Commissioner's place;

(c) was not the present acting Devaswam Commissioner appointed to that post 10 days after Mr. Damodara Menon was given extension;

(d) how does Mr. Damodara Menon's case differ from those of Mr. P. Narayana Menon, ex-Judge of the Chief Court, and Mr. K. T. Thomas, Superintendent of Registration;

(e) are not the names of Messrs. Vengu Ayyar, K. Kochunni Menon and A. P. Antony included in the printed proceedings of officers ordered to be retired in 1104;

(f) do Government contemplate to reconsider the case of those officers to give them further extension; if so, is it because there are no competent officers in service to replace them?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Yes. Extension was granted later for the reasons contemplated in Article 201, C. S. R.

(b) There might have been; but no necessity arose at the time to consider this question.

(c) Yes.

(d) Each case was considered on its own merits and orders passed.

(e) Yes.

(f) No statement can be made on the subject at present.

225. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when does the present period of extension given to Mr. P. Damodara Menon expire;

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(b) what are the special qualifications for putting him in charge of Railway and Harbour;

(c) has he had any previous experience dealing with Railway and Harbour matters;

(d) what are the duties and responsibilities attached to the special work given to him?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) It expires on 31st Medam 1104 (Vide Notification dated 25th Thulam 1104 on page 107 of the Government Gazette, dated 25th Thulam 1104).

(b) He was considered to possess such qualifications as are required for discharging the special work entrusted to him.

(c) Yes.

(d) Whatever will fall legitimately within the scope of his special work have been entrusted to him. They are not capable of further elaboration.

APPENDIX I.

(Vide answer to question No. 221.)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN.

Public Works Department.

Read petition dated 30th Mithunam 1103 from Sreemathi Thekkekurup. path Nalukettil Kunji Amma and other female inhabitants of Trichur Town praying for a scheme of water supply to the town during the hot months of the year forwarded with the Sarvadhikariakar's Ref. on P. No. 329/1103, dated 21st July 1928.

2. A similar petition addressed to the Diwan and the Trichur Municipal Chairman's endorsement P. No. 1140/1103, dated 25th August 1928, thereon.

3. Correspondence ending with letter C. No. 418/1104, dated 21st November 1928, from the Chief Engineer.

Also (4) Sarvadhikariakar's communication A. No. 541/1104, dated 30th November 1928.

Order dated 2nd December 1928, C. No. 1691/1103.

The Chief Engineer's proposal in his letter read as 3rd paper above to sink wells in the town from which water can be distributed through pipes is approved and he is requested to take prompt action in the matter.

2. The purchase of the machinery at a cost of Rs. 3,196 (F. O. R. Bombay) for testing the yield of the boreholes is also sanctioned. Source for the expenditure should be pointed out in due course.

(True extract)

(Sd.) Secretary to the Diwan.

To

The Chief Engineer.
" Diwan Peishkar.
" Superintendent of Agriculture and Panchayats.
" Comptroller of Accounts.

Copy to the Trichur Municipal Chairman.
" Sarvadhikariakar.
" Petitioners.
Dr. A. R. Menon, Member (for Trichur).
Press Bureau.

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